

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/863,449	KATSUDA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	King Y. Poon	2624	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 7/6/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18, 20-29, 31, 32, 34-74; renumbered as claims 1-71.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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**KING Y. POON
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a printer of transferring portions of print job to other printers and informing the user where the other printers are located.

Independent claims 1, 29, 32, 68, 71 identify the uniquely distinct features of "prints location information, using insert printing, of said transfer destinations to which the print job is transferred in place of pages that correspond to the portion of the print job that is transferred." The closest prior art, Lobiondo (US 5,287,194) disclosed a similar image forming apparatus transferring portions of print job to transfer destinations; either singularly or in combination with other cited references, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious (to be used with other claimed limitations).

Insert printing is defined as: printing the transfer destination's location information instead of printing the transferred page on the page where the transferred page existed as defined on page 28, paragraph 13, specification.

Independent claims 18, 67, 70, 73, 74 identify the uniquely distinct features of "wherein said printing unit prints a map showing the transfer destinations to which the print job is transferred." The closest prior art, Lobiondo (US 5,287,194) disclosed a similar printer of transferring portions of print job to other printers and informing the user where the other printers are located, either singularly or in combination with other cited references, fail to anticipate the above limitations or render the above limitations obvious to be used with other claimed limitations.

Independent claims 28, 69, 72 identify the uniquely distinct features of "wherein said processor divides the received print job and transfers a portion of the print job obtained as a result of the division; and said printing unit prints location information of said transfer destinations to which the print job is transferred correlatively with the page numbers of the transferred pages." The closest prior art, Lobiondo (US 5,287,194) disclosed a similar printer of transferring portions of print job to other printers and informing the user where the other printers are located, either singularly or in combination with other cited references, fail to anticipate the above limitations or render the above limitations obvious to be used with other claimed limitations.

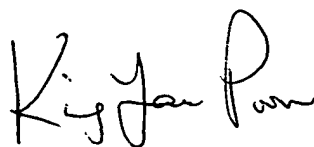
Independent claims 31, 34 identify the uniquely distinct features of "printing procedure prints the location information of the transfer destinations to which the print job is transferred correlatively with the page numbers of the transferred pages." The closest prior art, Lobiondo (US 5,287,194) disclosed a similar printer of transferring portions of print job to other printers and informing the user where the other printers are located, either singularly or in combination with other cited references, fail to anticipate the above limitations or render the above limitations obvious to be used with other claimed limitations.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to King Y. Poon whose telephone number is (703) 305-0892.

4/7/2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "King Y. Poon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**KING Y. POON
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